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Korea employee earns AMC top ten slot

By Galen Putnam

U.S. Forces Korea PAO

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea – Talk about a triumphant return!

When Victoria Kim left Daegu for the United States at age 10, she didn't even speak English. Now, a little more than three years after returning to her homeland as the Personnel and Resource Management Division chief for the Army Field Support Battalion – Northeast Asia at Camp Carroll, she has been named one of the Ten Outstanding U.S. Army Materiel Command Personnel of the Year.

The award was established to recognize outstanding work accomplishments that have significantly contributed to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives. Both civilian and military employees of AMC are eligible. Take note: AMC boasts a workforce of about 50,000 in 149 locations worldwide, including 45 states and 38 countries.



U.S. Army photo

Victoria Kim, one of AMC's top ten employees for the year, tackles work at AFSBn-Northeast Asia.

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Property training picks up

By Marilyn Thompson
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CAMP ANACONDA, Iraq -- The corner of the Camp Anaconda Centralized Receiving and Shipping Point dedicated to the Redistribution Property Assistance Team (RPAT) buzzed with activity. Trainers and trainees alike discussed potential spot check items in the hot Iraqi sun.

The RPAT team's appearance was slightly different at this particular training session. The reason was the interesting mixture of uniforms and civilian clothing



U.S. Army photo by Marilyn Thompson

Air Force Tech Sgt. Randy Ricafrente completes a vehicle's paperwork during RPAT training.

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We walk among heroes, 25 million of them

By MG Jerome Johnson
Commanding General

There are heroes among us, although we don't often recognize them.

They are in our homes, our workplaces, our schools and our houses of worship. They are our family members, our friends, our neighbors and our colleagues.

They are as diverse a group as can be found – men and women, of every race and ethnicity, of every faith, of every political affiliation, from every part of our nation, of various ages, at every income



level. Some have physical or mental disabilities, though most enjoy good health. A few have achieved fame and ascended to positions of leadership in business and politics, though most are ordinary people with unfamiliar names.

They are America's veterans, an estimated 25 million strong today, and every one of them is a hero in my eyes, and I hope in your eyes as well.

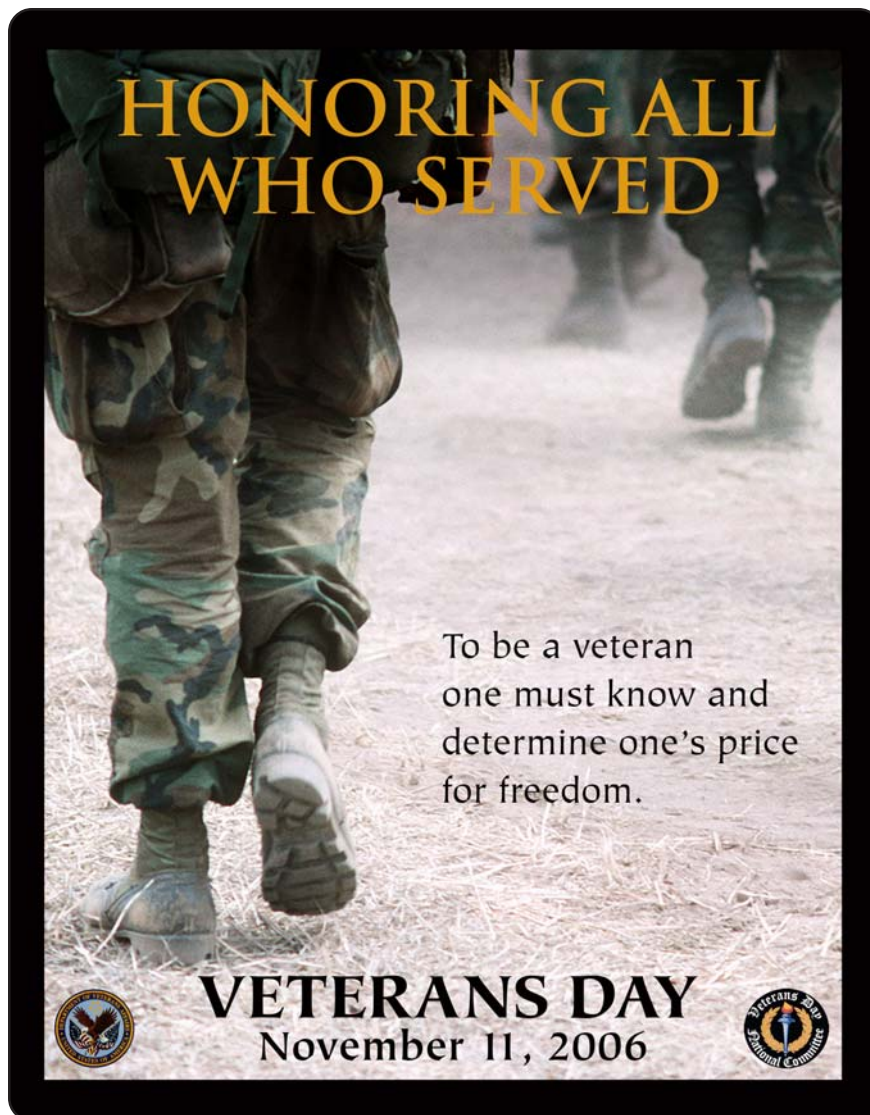
All of our veterans have earned the title "hero." They stood strong, often in the face of overwhelming odds, fighting not for themselves, but for a cause larger than themselves. They assured that a nation built on a foundation of individual liberty would survive for future generations, and offered hope to all who yearned to breathe free.

November 11 is Veterans Day, a holiday set aside to thank and honor those who served for our sake. Sadly, the day will pass unnoticed by millions of Americans who will go about their business without recognizing the heroes among them – the heroes who we all sometimes take for granted.

In a Veterans Day speech two years ago, President Bush described our veterans as "the hidden heroes of a peaceful nation." This year, let us take our appreciation and affection for our veterans out of hiding. They need to know they are the heroes of a grateful nation, a nation made great by their sacrifices.

As we thank the heroes who served in the past, let us also recognize the new generation of heroes who serve today. The men and women who are now in military service are carrying on the proud traditions left to them by our veterans, and have done our veterans great honor through their willingness to serve and devotion to duty.

The veterans of yesterday, today and tomorrow have built a great legacy that inspires us all. They will always be my heroes, and I wish them all the very best.



Defense bill all about taking care of troops

By Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Bush signed into law H.R. 5631, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007,” which appropriates the funds needed to fight the war on terror, advance other U.S. interests abroad and support the armed forces, Sept. 30.

The bill includes an additional \$70 billion in emergency funds to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan through early next year, including nearly \$24 billion for the Army and Marine Corps to repair and replace worn-out equipment.

The new funding brings to \$507 billion the total amount authorized by Congress for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other anti-terrorism efforts.

The bill provides \$378 billion for core Pentagon programs, about a

5 percent increase, though slightly less than Bush sought.

Some highlights of the act include:

- Increasing the 2007 active-duty end strength by 30,000 to 512,400 and the Army National Guard end strength by more than 17,000 to 350,000;
- Increasing Servicemembers Group Life Insurance premiums for Soldiers in combat zones from \$150,000 to \$400,000;
- Repairing and replacing worn-out equipment;
- Placing surveillance aircraft along roads where IED activity has been the greatest; and
- Expanding post-traumatic stress disorder studies.



“Army Strong” speaks to truth of Soldiering

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Army announced Oct. 9 the start of its communication and education efforts to assist the Army family to communicate to the nation about Soldiers’ skills, leadership, teamwork, and selfless service prior to the launch of a new Army advertising campaign. Army Secretary Dr. Francis J. Harvey unveiled the Army Strong campaign, a key component of the Army’s recruiting and advertising efforts, at the 2006 Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

“It is vitally important that the internal Army family understand and embrace this new campaign,” he said. “I believe this campaign

speaks to an essential truth of being a Soldier”.

The Army Strong campaign builds on the foundation of the previous recruiting campaigns by highlighting the transformative power of the U.S. Army. Army Strong captures the defining experience of U.S. Army Soldiers.

“Army Strong is a strength personified by every U.S. Army Soldier – active duty, Army Reserve, National Guard, cadet and retired,” said Lt Gen. Robert Van Antwerp Jr., commander US Army Accessions



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Engineers go up-armored in Iraq

**By Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Ballog
16th Engineer Brigade PAO**

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq -- Maintenance personnel with the 16th Engineer Brigade have saved money, time and lives by adding Army Materiel Command-provided armor to engineer construction equipment.

When military leadership in Iraq began planning for armor installation sites across the country, maintenance personnel from the 62nd Engineer Battalion, 16th Eng. Bde., offered their expertise. The 12-member crew is the only Soldier-operated installation site of four in Iraq, according to Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Markley.

The team installs newly created armor kits onto such engineer equipment as graders, bucket loaders, scrapers, dozers and rollers. AMC's armor-kit production program began in November 2005, and only recently became available for the engineer equipment.

The unit and its equipment were originally slated for Balad, Markely said, but that would have put Soldiers transporting their equipment from Baghdad at risk.

"We saved more than \$1.5 million by doing it here. The money saved was then used to build the Baghdad site and buy tools and materials for the installation," he said.

The team trained Balad in July at Army Field Support Battalion-Iraq (Sustainment) with Army Defense Systems, Inc., then began Baghdad operations Aug. 1. ADSI is the armor's manufacturer.

Kyle Stanley, an ADSI field representative who trained the team and then joined them in Baghdad,



U.S. Army photo

A maintenance specialist with the 16th Engineer Brigade spends some time welding a vehicle in preparation for additional armor at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

said the site's distinction extends beyond its Soldiers-only team.

"The difference in this add-on-armor team and site doing the work versus the civilians is we are doing it in a field environment, whereas the civilian sites have a manufacturing environment," he said.

The team faced initial challenges, specifically the availability of critical pieces of equipment and tools for the initial site stand-up, but they quickly adapted to the unique mission requirements, said Sgt. 1st Class Devin Pool, team non-commissioned officer-in-charge

and a light wheeled vehicle mechanic with Headquarters Support Company, 62nd Eng. Bn.

"As we started installing armor, we were limited on resources and equipment. We worked in the open, using the bare essentials, in order to accomplish our mission. Yet despite the hardships, we prevailed and set a new standard for installation by sending a completed up-armored vehicle out of our shop every other day, which greatly improved combat readiness and overall Soldier safety for the 5th and

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AMC runners put best foot forward

By Nikki St. Amant
ASC Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- A team partially manned by Army Sustainment Command and Army Materiel Command personnel took 16th place in the Army Ten Miler Open Mixed division Oct. 8.

The "Back from Iraq" squad competed in a field of 61 teams and beat most in this year's annual running.

The Back From Iraq team members met while deployed in Iraq last year and reassembled for a respectable showing at the nation's biggest 10-mile race. The open mixed team posted a total race time of 5:35:16 and individual runners all completed the race.

Capt. Benjamin Dennard, a staffer at AMC headquarters, said he had a great time and can't wait for next year's race.

"The Army Ten Miler was a wonderful experience and I look forward to next year's race as well," he said. "There was a shared sense of camaraderie and kinship completing a race with over 15,000 other runners from all branches of the military, as well as friends and family members that support the



U.S. Army photo

The Back from Iraq Army Ten Miler team poses before the race Oct. 8.

military."

Particularly moving to Dennard were the wounded veterans who proudly took to the streets in support of the Armed Forces.

"I was especially humbled to see several runners with prosthetic legs completing the race," Dennard admitted. "Their courage and example serves to remind all of us of both the sacrifices we face defending our country as well as the indomitable spirit that sustains our warfighters."

The Team

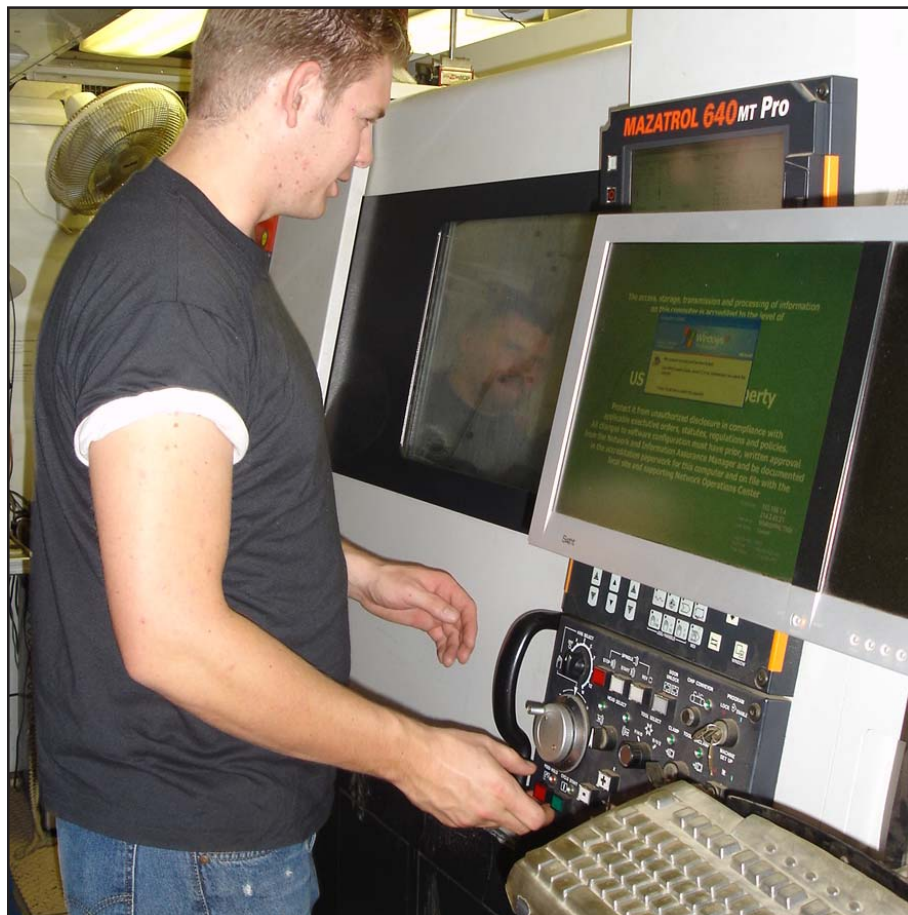
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Army Maj. Doug Osborn
Army Capt. Benjamin Dennard
Army Capt. Oliver Grant
Army Capt. Christine Rice
Army Civilian Todd Sipe

Making connections in South Korea

REPUBLIC OF KOREA -- Brig. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, who recently was assigned as the 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) commanding general, chats with some South Korean employees at the Army Sustainment Command's Army prepositioned stock site at Camp Carroll, Korea, Oct. 31. Mason recently assumed command of the 19th and spent time at APS-4 as part of a familiarization visit with ASC's brigade in Korea.



AMC's desert hospital ponies up parts



U.S. Army photo by George Eaton

MPH operator Kevin Caska tinkers with the lathe's digital control system.



U.S. Army photo by George Eaton

Ken Bobo, a Dimensions International contractor, is the MPH site leader.

By George Eaton
ASC Historian

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq -- The dozer was non-mission capable for 189 days. The culprit? Broken bolts. Unable to get the needed parts, a frustrated maintenance officer tried one last resource and, in two days, the dozer was back in operation. That final resource? The Mobile Parts Hospital, an Army Materiel Command asset located at Logistics Support Area Anaconda.

The Mobile Parts Hospital, or MPH, is a small rapidly deployable, fully contained, machine shop. The shop is designed to quickly produce smaller parts to replace items that are required immediately, but are not in the supply system, or have long lead times. The MPH at LSA Anaconda is located in the Army Field Support Battalion – Iraq (Sustainment) area. The battalion is a subordinate of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade- Iraq.

The MPH itself is run by two dedicated individuals. Ken Bobo, the site lead, is a contract employee of Dimensions International. He is a trained machinist and has been working in different jobs in Iraq for more than two years. Kevin Caska is also a Dimensions International employee and a trained machinist, but his long term job is a GS position at the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. ARDEC approved a one year leave-without-pay absence so Caska could learn more about the MPH. They plan to use his new skills to create more agile responses to Soldier demands.

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Kim received her award from Col. William C. Gibson, commander of the Army Materiel Command's Army Field Support Brigade – Far East, in a ceremony Oct. 12 at Camp Carroll.

"This is a big honor for the organization," said Mike Allen, AFSBn-NEA civilian executive assistant to the battalion commander. "Victoria Kim serves as the battalion S1 and S4, in charge of both personnel and

a budget of over \$80 million. Not many people have similar responsibilities. We ask her to perform those duties with a very small staff and she has done an outstanding job."

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being worn. RPAT is a critical part of the Army's mission of keeping the battlefield cleaned up and equipment accountability in check.

Many of the team members going through this training are members of the U.S. Air Force. About 40 Airmen volunteered to assist the U.S. Army in this huge undertaking.

Tech. Sgt. Vinetta Paige from Langley Air Force Base, Va., stated, "We are all here working to bring our Soldiers home. The Air Force is supporting the Army mission." A Joint Hooah! can be applied for this endeavor.

Accountability teams are not new. You can ask any member who served at forward operating bases all over Iraq. Army Sgt. William R. Watson, a current RPAT member, volunteered and has

served for the past three months at several different bases.

"The teams work hard to make sure the processing of equipment for the Soldiers is done quickly and efficiently," he said.

Items being covered in the training were identification methods used on each piece of equipment, what to look for, and the process for successfully completing the turn-in of equipment.

Air Force Master Sgt. Russell Bruening explained part of the training the RPAT is receiving is what to look for when processing the equipment. They are looking to make sure gas tanks are empty, that there is no ammunition still in the equipment, and, of course, that there is no trash left behind. All part of the job.

Being a member of the RPAT can take its toll. There is a great deal of climbing in and out of, under and on top of, and going from front to back on every piece of rolling stock that comes into the pit.

This, of course, is done outside in the elements, not in an air conditioned area. One other obstacle is the arrival and departure of the Soldiers with the various equipment. Work is not on a set schedule. When the Soldiers roll in with the equipment, the goal is to get them and their equipment through the process with as little hassle to the Soldier as possible.

The bottom line is: the Soldier is the customer and the customer is king to the RPAT team members.



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Help us tell your story...

Army Strong

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Command. "This campaign will show Americans that there is strong, then there's Army Strong. I am both inspired and confident that the campaign will build on the positive momentum within our recruiting program."

Army Strong was developed to specifically address the interests and motivations of those considering a career in the U.S. military. The campaign also speaks to those who understand and support the decision of a family member, friend or employee to serve.

A national advertising campaign for the Army Strong message will launch Nov. 9 and will initially involve television, radio and online

spots as well as an updated www.goarmy.com Web site. Print ads are scheduled to begin running in January 2007. The ads will be directed to media that appeals to young adults.

A preview of the campaign and information is available to all Soldiers and their families at www.us.army.mil. Additional details about the Army Strong campaign will be announced when the ads begin airing Nov. 9

Editor's note: The Global Line will soon begin running articles highlighting "Army Strong" Soldiers throughout the ASC. Submit suggestions to ASC-GlobalLine@afsc.army.mil.

Not just strong...

ARMY Strong.

It's a **physical** and **emotional** strength like no other...

To **better one's self** and the nation with the **fortitude** to **command** and to **obey**.

And to act with strength of **purpose** and the force to **tear down**, but with the commitment to **build**.

To **get over** any obstacle, including **yourself...** and to live with **values** worth dying to defend.

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The MPH consists of two 20-foot containers and a generator. One container holds metal stock, saws, a hoist, and other supplies. The other container holds the heart of the system- a Mazak Integrex 100-III five-axis metal lathe. The lathe's chuck will hold up to a 6-inch diameter piece of round stock, twelve inches long and weighing up to 28 pounds. From this round stock the machinist can rapidly direct the creation of a wide variety of parts and tools. In the past few months, the MPH at LSA Anaconda has made pintles for machine gun mounts, bolts, nuts, hydraulic and air conditioning fittings, and sockets. Their on-hand stock includes up to 6-inch round bars of carbon steel, stainless steel, heat treated steel, aluminum, and brass.

The MPH is connected through the internet to TACOM headquarters in Warren, Mich., as well as a variety of other machining data bases. If a part has a stock or a

part number in the US or commercial system, the operators can probably track it down. In addition, every part made is added to a database which can be searched and the technical data retrieved. Using these resources, the MPH operators have made parts for any number of standard military systems as well as engineering equipment, ATVs and other vehicles. If that fails, Mr. Bobo is able to reverse engineer a part if a good one, or even a broken one, is provided.

Caska said "If Ken can draw it on Autocad, I can convert it to the lathe's digital control system and begin to turn the part." This is an example of the "reach back" capability the 402d AFSB-Iraq provides in the battle space. Even if a part is beyond their capability, the MPH operators can immediately send a request back to TACOM for purchase or production of a critical part. TACOM can also check if any

Army supply operation in the world has the part on hand and can then direct transfer to the unit. The MPH can access anywhere, from the tactical to the strategic system, to get the required parts into Soldiers' hands.

The MPH at LSA Anaconda supports all Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Department of Defense civilians and contractors supporting the war effort in Iraq. Bobo said, "If they support the warfighter here in Iraq, we can make it for them, free of charge." He said that units can even mail parts to them and they will mail the new part back to the user. Bobo went on to say that it seems units in Iraq are not fully aware of the capabilities MPH can provide. He wants to get the word out and let Soldiers know: "If you can break it, we can make it." If you need parts, contact Ken Bobo at bobok@mmcs.army.mil

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62nd Eng. Bn. Soldiers," said Pool.

According to Markley, the team was committed to providing timely and quality upgrades.

"They have completed 27 pieces of equipment in less than two months," said Markely.

The team's motivation came from its dual role as both Soldiers and engineers, Lee said.

"Adding on the armor ourselves improved the survivability of the operators and definitely makes a difference. They can now go into areas we couldn't go before, as they now have extra protection. The armor allows our engineer commanders the freedom and confidence to go into more dangerous areas," he added.

The newly armored vehicles were welcome upgrades to his battalion's combat capabilities, said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard St. Cyr, 62nd Eng. Bn.

"Both our 68th Construction Spt. Co. and Co. B, 62nd Eng. Bn. have gotten a lot of use out of the up-armored equipment," he said. "Co. B personnel used the up-armored loaders on route sanitation and on the Shaab and Ur blocking positions shortly after they were done. The 68th Construction Spt. Co. used the up-armored dozers on an anti-



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jose Ferrufino

The 16th Engineer Brigade at Camp Liberty, Iraq, turns out up-armored dozers much like those shown here during operations in Iraq.

tank ditch. Both units' equipment worked with great success.

"Talking to the operators, they all told me the new armor on the dozers and loaders is a great improvement. Our earth movers spent most of the deployment working in unarmored, heavy equipment with only their body armor and Kevlar blankets for protection. Now, their visibility is increased and the heat and air conditioning have vastly improved their comfort levels. We're all very happy with the new capabilities."

The add-on-armor crew is proud of the objectives they've ac-

complished, but from the get-go, the team understood their primary mission was to save lives, said Pool.

"From the start, we understood our efforts would help protect fellow Soldiers who are conducting missions in the Baghdad area of operations. We are not producing this equipment for an anonymous Soldier to use. These vehicles will be used by our friends and co-workers. Our site's production rate surpassed all expectations and our team has proven that hard work, strong will and dedication to duty can overcome any obstacle."

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